



THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 19, 1904.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, D. C., May 19.

The Western Union order for the purchase of its racing service put a check yesterday on St. Asaph, across the Potomac. During the intervals between the seasons at Benning, sporting Washington has been in the habit of traveling across the river and expending its enthusiasm and dollars in the pool room mentioned. It was the only place where bets could be placed in the vicinity of the capital. Yesterday the managers of St. Asaph's telephoned to a number of friendly saloons and restaurants in Washington that because of the telegraph company's order there would be "nothing doing" in the afternoon. A hand full of eager devotees of the turf who believed the story to be all "hot air," made the journey and were convinced by the sight of the empty pool room and the closed bar that the news was too true. The managers at St. Asaph, who claim that all that is done there is strictly under the law, will, it is said, soon make other arrangements for receiving and sending off news concerning racing events.

Minister Allen cables the State Department from Seoul that the Korean government has, by imperial decree issued today, formally annulled all treaties and agreements with the Russian government. This includes the timber concession on the Yalu river.

Ex-Secretary of War Elihu Root and Ex-Governor Frank S. Black, who came here to consult with President Roosevelt over political matters, both left for New York this forenoon. Governor Black did not return to the White House after the consultation last night. Mr. Root was the President's home guest and left the mansion with his grip in time to catch the ten o'clock train for the metropolis. It is said here that President Roosevelt has heard, as in rehearsal, the speech which Mr. Root is to make as temporary chairman of the republican national convention at Chicago next month, also the speech in which Ex-Governor Black will nominate Mr. Roosevelt for the presidency.

Elmer Dover, secretary of the republican national committee, had a conference with President Roosevelt this morning over matters pertaining to the campaign. Mr. Dover will leave for New York this evening to transact some business there for the committee and for Mrs. Hanna. "Just at present," said Mr. Dover, "we are very busy attending to the preliminary details of the campaign." The headquarters will be opened up in Chicago on June 1. The headquarters in New York have not yet been selected and will probably not be picked out until Chairman Cortelyou takes charge. The chairman will probably be the all powerful influence in the management of the campaign. He will have the selection of his executive committee, the choosing of his quarters and the entire control of every important detail of the work.

Consul General Gummere, at Tangier, Morocco, cabled the State Department that local bandits last night attacked and carried off Mr. Perdicaris, an American citizen, and his son-in-law, Mr. Varley, from their country place three miles from Tangier. The bandits are now holding their prisoners for ransom, and the British and American consuls are urging the Moroccan government to pay the amount asked. The bandits were under control of one Arisally, who captured Mr. Harris last year. Perdicaris, it is stated at the State Department, is very well known in Morocco and especially to tourists whom he has been in the habit of entertaining in a lavish manner.

The Comptroller of the Currency has authorized the Farmers and Merchants' National Bank of Hobart, Oklahoma Territory, to resume business today. The bank suspended payment on the 22nd ultimo. The impairment of its capital has been made good by a payment of \$30,000 by the shareholders.

The Postoffice Department this morning received a telegram from North Washington, Ohio, stating that the post-office at that place had been damaged by the blowing up of the safe by nitro glycerin and that two suspects were under arrest at Findly, Ohio.

Harrison J. Barrett, co-defendant with Gen. Tynar in the postoffice trial, continued on the stand this morning going into great detail as to the methods of issuing fraud orders in the law office of the department. Shortly after the morning session opened Gen. Tynar was wheeled into the court in his invalid chair. Attorney Worthington, for the defense, asked that he be cross examined by the government, but Attorney Conrad replied that under no circumstances would he undertake this responsibility for the government. He was fearful that Gen. Tynar would not be able to undergo the strain.

It is reported here that Third Assistant Postmaster General Edwin C. Madden will shortly be requested to resign his office because of charge of irregularities.

Columbia Typographical Union. Miss Annie C. Wilson, an employee of the government printing office, was last night elected a delegate to the international typographical union by Columbia Union of Washington. T. C. Parsons, of the Times, was elected delegate from the "down town" chapels. Mr. J. T. Herbert, a native of this city, was a candidate for president of the union. He was defeated by Mr. John R. Berg. William H. Love, of Tennessee, of the government printing office, was elected vice president. William M. Garrett, secretary of the union since 1896, was defeated by George G. Seibold, of the Washington Times. James E. Bright, retiring chairman of the board of trustees, was elected treasurer. Two members of the board of trustees were elected, William M. Leavitt and Joseph C. Wythe. David E. Tyrell was elected sergeant-at-arms and N. C. Stoops doorkeeper.

Mount Vernon Regents. The Mount Vernon Regents, who met last Thursday, adjourned today after an interesting session. The reports show the association to be in excellent condition and that many improvements had been made at Mount Vernon during the past year. A number of interesting articles have been acquired recently for the collection at Mount Vernon. From the vice regent of South Carolina there has been received a glass decanter given by Washington to Mrs. Washington, and Vernon H. Woolrich, of Philadelphia, has presented a medalion of Admiral Vernon, in whose honor the estate was named.

News of the Day.

The entire democratic ticket has been elected in Denver.

Negotiations have practically been completed for the merger of the National Bank of Baltimore with the National Union Bank.

The Louisiana General Assembly, yesterday in joint session, formally declared Murphy J. Foster re-elected to the United States Senate.

Republican conventions were held in many States yesterday to elect delegates to the national convention who were instructed to vote for Roosevelt. In Wisconsin there was a bolt, Senators Spooner and Quarles leading a revolt against Governor La Follette, and two republican State tickets will be put in the field. The "stand pat" men won in Iowa.

By a majority of 55 Premier Balfour last night successfully defeated an attempt to upset the British government upon the fiscal question. An interesting debate, characterized by some heated exchanges, took place, resulting in the Premier's reiterated determination to shelve the question of fiscal reform until the next Parliament. In this decision Joseph Chamberlain publicly concurred.

Bishop Kieley, of the Catholic diocese of Georgia, last night mailed to each church in his jurisdiction a letter directing that under the recent order of the Pope the use of female voices in Catholic choirs should cease. The change must be effective by January 1, 1905. The highest degree of perfection in church music, the bishop says, is the Gregorian chant, and therefore the music of the church should approach it. This is the first American bishop to act on the Pope's order.

Virginia News.

Miss Flora Hayes, daughter of Mr. I. F. Hayes, of near Shiloh, King George county, died at her home of consumption Monday, in the 28 year of her age.

Rev. Wm. Nelson Meade, of Clarke county, has accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Paul and St. John churches of South Farnham parish, in Essex county.

The wedding of Miss Meta Eggleston Russell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Russell, of Winchester, to Rev. James Gray McAllister, of Farmville, occurred in Winchester last night.

Senator Daniel authorizes the statement that the talk of his candidacy for the vice-presidential nomination "is entirely without my knowledge and will be attended to in my own way at the proper time."

Willie Steadman, 15-year-old son of Mr. William Steadman, of Leesburg, was run over by a freight train at Paconia Springs on Tuesday evening. Both his feet were crushed and one leg will have to be amputated.

Since the unsuccessful attempt of the mob to break into the jail in Fredericksburg to lynch Charles H. Blanford, a negro, the jail has been closely watched. The tools used by the mob were secured and two arrests of the participants have been made.

A cyclone struck Williamsburg yesterday afternoon, doing much damage. The roof of one house was blown away and landed nearly a quarter of a mile from where it was torn off. The main street of the town is filled with tree tops from one end to the other. One man, Thomas McCracken, was injured by being blown against a fence.

The funeral of Miss Sarah A. Hunter, who died on Sunday, took place yesterday in King George county in the presence of a number of relatives and friends, and the interment was made in St. John's church yard. The deceased was the eldest daughter of the late Dr. Thomas Lomax Hunter and a sister of County Clerk Edward L. Hunter, of King George.

ELECTION OF BISHOP.

The Methodist General Conference in Los Angeles, Cal., yesterday voted for eight bishops, but elected only one—Joseph F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, who received more than two-thirds of the entire vote cast on the first ballot. One other ballot was taken, but the result of this will not be known until today. Dr. Berry received an ovation when the figures were announced.

The committee on temporal economy yesterday afternoon decided to recommend to the general conference that the size of future general conferences be reduced from a basis of two delegates to every 45 members of annual conferences to a basis of two for every 60 members. This would reduce the size of general conferences to 550 members instead of 750 members, on the basis of the present church membership.

The conference rescinded the decision to adjourn on Saturday, May 28, and fixed Monday, May 30, as the date of final adjournment.

An afternoon session was held in order to hear the report of the tellers on the first ballot for bishops.

In addition to the new bishops, one of whom may be colored, it also is proposed to elect a colored associate for Bishop Hartzell, of Africa. Dr. Campbell, of Monrovia, Liberia, is being urged by the missionary officers for the position, and if the office is created it is likely that he will be chosen to fill it.

The ever-recurring charge of heresy is again agitating the delegates. Its latest appearance is in the committee on education, where it provoked the most acrimonious discussion that has occurred between delegates of the present gathering. The outbreak came as a result of the report of a subcommittee on the memorials received by the conference relating to alleged dangerous doctrines disseminated by some of the theological schools of the church.

Dr. L. W. Munnall, of Philadelphia, led the supporters of the heresy. He was combated by Dr. Chas. J. Little, president of the Garrett Biblical Institute, and Prof. Milton S. Terry, of the same institution. Much feeling was manifested by both sides. After hours of heated debate, in which strong charges against the accused institutions were made and as vigorously denied, the matter was referred to the subcommittee for a more extended report. A resolution recommending a change in the marriage ritual, to exclude the word "obey," was referred to the committee on revision. Colored people are applying to the conference in an attempt to secure the election of a colored bishop. The conference disregarded the appeal, but the colored contingent is insistent and is making a great fight.

Episcopal Council.

FIRST DAY—WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Council opened with divine service at ten o'clock in St. James Church. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. F. W. Neve, Dr. Moncure and W. C. Latane. The sermon was preached by Rev. L. R. Combs of Lancaster, from II Corinthians XII: 9: "My grace is sufficient for thee, My strength is made perfect in weakness." The Holy Communion was then celebrated by Bishop Gibson assisted by the Revs. E. L. Goodwin and W. M. Clark, rector of St. James Church.

The Council was called to order for business shortly after twelve o'clock with Bishop Gibson presiding. The roll of clerical and lay delegates was next read by the Secretary, Rev. Everard Meade, and 52 clerical and 44 lay delegates were present. The committee on the credentials of lay delegates, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Strange, Messrs. Caskey and Bossieux then met and reported that all were duly entitled to seats in the council.

The rector then announced the hours for the daily sessions of the council which were accepted.

The rules of order of the last council were adopted. The order of the council sitting in missionary session tonight was next agreed to, the session to open with divine service at a quarter after eight o'clock.

The following committees were next announced:

State of the Church—Revs. W. E. Evans, D. D., F. W. Neve and S. S. Hepburn. Messrs. Wm. Beverley, R. T. Knox and P. H. Baskerville.

Widows and Orphans' Fund—Rev. H. J. Bergen and Mr. J. Wilton.

Episcopal Fund—Rev. J. F. Burks and Mr. P. A. Arthur.

Brotherhood—Rev. Geo. O. Mead and Robert MacKreth.

Bruce Fund—Rev. E. B. Barwell and Mr. J. L. Baxley.

Disabled Clergy—Rev. Geo. P. Mays and Mr. Geo. J. Andrew.

Diocesan Missions—Rev. Mr. S. Eagle and Mr. Geo. D. Costello.

Parochial Reports—Revs. R. A. Goodwin, J. H. Dickerson, H. H. Barber, T. C. Darst, T. E. S. Osgood, Messrs. M. A. Bargamin, P. W. Nelson, Geo. J. Stoneman, S. D. Tripp and C. A. Brown.

New Parishes—Rev. Robt. K. Massie and Judge J. C. Ewell.

Elections—Rev. H. B. Lee and Major Robert Stiles.

Finance—Messrs. Joseph Bryan, P. H. Mayo and L. M. Blackford.

Clerical Support—Messrs. W. W. Chambliss, J. S. Mason, C. E. Gory, Jno. C. Williams, A. W. Wallace, Dr. W. K. Gatewood, Messrs. F. W. Coates, Corbin Thompson, W. R. Crabbe and W. E. Bibb.

Sunday Schools—Revs. H. F. Korman and S. S. Ware, Messrs. L. A. Keller and F. L. Taylor.

Prayer Book Distribution Society—Rev. Jno. Moncure, D. D., and Mr. R. P. Page.

Increase of the Ministry—Rev. A. Crawford, D. D. and Mr. Thomas Ruffin.

It was agreed that the question of an Archdeacon for the diocese be made the order of the day for Thursday after the appointment of Standing Committees. The election of delegates to the General Convention was appointed for the business session this evening.

The Committee on Church Property then made its report through the Rev. Robt. A. Goodwin, stating that it had acted for the council by its appointment last year in selling the old Episcopal residence on Leigh street, Richmond, and purchasing a most desirable residence on Park Avenue in a fine section of the city, and now asked the council to approve the said sale and purchase. The committee also requested the council to approve the selection of the following trustees for the Episcopal residence: Messrs. Joseph Bryan, G. L. Minor, O. H. Funsten and J. F. Glen.

Rev. H. B. Lee read a report from the trustees of the Virginia Female Institute at Staunton, stating that a considerable amount had been collected for the institute last year and now asked the council to approve of the institute and also to approve of the continuance of the work of Rev. Robert C. Jett as solicitor of funds to liquidate the debt still remaining upon the institute. The debt on the institute is now \$15,000. Mr. Joseph Bryan moved that the report be accepted and printed in the journal. After some discussion the hour of adjournment arrived and the matter was carried over until the afternoon session.

Nearly the entire morning session was consumed in the discussion of Episcopal schools. The debate was precipitated by a paper presented by the trustees of the Virginia Female Institute, at Staunton, asking the endorsement of the council to raise \$25,000 in aid of the school. Carter Wellford opposed the motion, and declared the church should concentrate its efforts in support of the ministry. He spoke in high terms of the institute, but declared that it was a fashionable school, and the prices were too high for poor ministers to educate their daughters there.

The discussion then took a wide range, and it was suggested that the institute might be remodelled on the plan of the Episcopal High School. It was then charged that the High School was open to the same objection—high prices—and that the Episcopal boys and girls were filling schools of other denominations where the charges were more reasonable. It was stated that many ministers received only \$700 to \$900 a year, and that it was out of the question for them to expend \$550 a year to educate a girl. This condition was indicated by some as the cause for the lack of candidates for the ministry in Virginia, and was held by others to expose a radical defect somewhere in the entire Episcopal system. The discussion was quite lively at times, but entirely pleasant. It was still in full swing when the sharp rap of the bishop's gavel called the session to an end.

Evening Session. When the council reassembled for the evening session the special order was called—the election of deputies to the General Convention, which meets in October in Boston. The council unanimously agreed to a resolution instructing the deputies to be elected to invite the convention to meet in Richmond at its session in 1907. The election resulted as follows:

Lay Deputies—Total vote cast, 94; necessary to a choice, 48; elected on the first ballot, Mr. Joseph Bryan, 83 votes; Mr. P. H. Mayo, 61 votes; Mr. L. M. Blackford, 50 votes.

Clerical Deputies—Chosen on the first ballot, Rev. W. M. Clark, 66 votes, and Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., 56 votes; chosen on the second ballot, Rev. Angus Crawford, D. D., 51 votes.

Pending the election of the fourth clerical deputy and the alternates, the council adjourned for the afternoon. Rev. Angus Crawford presented the report of the committee to which was referred the proposed amendments of the constitution of the church adopted at the General Convention held in San Francisco, October, 1901. The amendments are minor in their character, and the committee recommended that they be adopted. The report was laid over until Thursday.

On motion of Rev. C. E. Ball, the council adopted the amendment to the constitution proposed last year, directing that the council shall meet on the fourth Wednesday in May, when Ascension Day falls upon the day following the third Wednesday in May, the regular time of meeting.

Resolutions were adopted urging the churches to make worthy and liberal offerings to the widows and orphans' fund, now wholly inadequate to meet the demands upon it.

NIGHT SESSION. At night the council sat as a Board of Missions, and in the presence of a large audience heard reports and addresses from a number of ministers.

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Missionary Society, the Rev. E. L. Goodwin made an excellent report, which showed the largest contributions since the division of the diocese. The receipts from churches and individuals amounted to \$6,836.37; from Sunday schools, \$2,455.52. The total for the year amounted to \$9,291.89. The receipts exceed those of last year by \$557; of the year before by \$1,573, and of three years ago by \$2,130.

The report of Dr. John Moncure, archdeacon of the colored work, was similarly encouraging.

Today's Telegraphic News.

The War in the East.

Niuchwang, May 19.—The Japanese fleet was sighted ten miles north of Kai-Chow today. Japanese troops have marched several miles inland from Kai-Chow, destroying four miles of railroad and capturing a commissariat train.

London, May 19.—The Odessa correspondent of the Central News wires that the whole of the Russian Black Sea fleet has been ordered to be held on a complete war footing from August 1st. In the meanwhile the fleet is divided into two squadrons which are executing a series of practical evolutions in Crimean waters. It is reported, adds the correspondent, that an arrangement has been arrived at whereby Turkey will allow the fleet to pass through the Dardanelles for service in the far East.

London, May 19.—A special dispatch received in London this afternoon announces that the Japanese cruiser Koshino and the battleship Hatause have been sunk.

Chefoo, May 19.—Russian refugees from Dally report that the Japanese fleet suffered severely during the recent operations before Port Arthur and Dally. They say that during a bombardment of Port Arthur on Monday, the battleship Shikishima and the cruiser Asama, struck mines and sank. The crew of the battleship, numbering 750 men, the refugees report, were nearly all lost. The Asama sank slowly and her men were saved. The refugees also report that the battleship Fijii struck a mine and was seriously damaged. The Russian consul has a telegram from Dally conveying the rumor that two Japanese battleships were lost at Port Arthur Monday.

No confirmation of the Russian reports have reached here. There is a belief that the Russians have magnified the reports of the sinking of the Japanese cruiser Miyako in Kerr bay, Dally, into a serious Japanese reverse. The refugees state that Russian torpedo boats went out to rescue the Japanese on the sinking vessels, but Japanese reinforcement came up at that moment, and they were forced to retire. One of the fire ships sunk in the harbor, they say, has been removed, thus reopening the passage of the harbor, though it is still dangerous to attempt a passage. The fleet has been ordered to remain inside till the arrival of the admiral.

Illinois Republicans.

Springfield, Ill., May 19.—A general split up in lines occurred in the republican State convention this morning on a question of procedure to break the deadlock. As soon as the convention came to order this morning Congressman Fuller offered a resolution that after the present session the convention suspend voting on governor, and proceed to nominate the other officers, after which the convention shall return to the governor. The chair granted a roll call on the demand of the Yates and Deneen men. The Lowden men in Cook county joined with Deneen and Yates in voting "no," and the resolution was lost by the overwhelming vote of 301 yeas to 1,201 nays. The chairman then ordered a roll call on the nomination for governor.

The republican State convention assembled this morning, with a settlement of the deadlock no nearer in sight than it was eight days ago, when the first session was called to order.

A proposition by the governor that the convention adjourn and let the gubernatorial nomination be settled by a republican primary to be held in every county on the same day, was not well received by the other leaders.

There was a strong rumor current that the Lowden forces would break to Hamilton, during the day, but as so many rumors of breaks had been spread before, but little credence was given it. The 49th ballot resulted: Yates, 487; Lowden, 399; Deneen, 391; the remainder scattering.

Southern Presbyterian Assembly. Mobile, Ala., May 19.—The forty-fourth session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, by which name the Southern branch of the Presbyterian church is known, convened here today, the retiring moderator, Dr. A. C. Hopkins, of West Virginia, presiding. The new moderator will be elected tonight, and the assembly will then proceed to business. The most important business to be considered by the Assembly is the proposed union of the Northern and Southern Presbyterian churches. Delegates are present from all over the South. There are also many prominent visitors from the North.

Rumors of Impending Uprising. London, May 19.—Because of the rumors of a rising in Poland in the early

summer, Queen Alexandra has decided not to attend the anniversary concert on May 26th, the day on which Chopin died. The concert is to be held under the auspices of the Duchess of Sutherland at Stafford House. The queen fears her presence at the concert might be construed as encouraging to the Polish revolutionists. Poles in London and elsewhere are known to be most active. They are shipping quantities of arms to Poland via the Austrian frontier. Court and diplomatic circles here consider the situation as serious.

Charged with Being an Ex-Convict.

Chicago, May 19.—Disbarment proceedings have been begun against one of the most prominent attorneys in Chicago. He is Julius A. Coleman, famous as the "father of the mechanics lien law." He is charged with being an ex-convict and with being guilty of breaches of trusts against his clients. It is alleged in the paper filed in the Supreme Court that he has served a term in the Indiana penitentiary. Mr. Coleman's wife, a leading society woman, is a national officer of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Peace Rumors Affect Market. London, May 19.—Rumors of the probability of an early peace in the far East circulated freely through the financial district this afternoon, and Japanese securities rose violently. Russian bonds were also sympathetic and stronger on the talk of peace. The source of the reports of an early cessation of hostilities cannot be traced and there is much speculation as to whether the violent rise in Japanese securities was the cause or result of the peace reports.

Endeavorers Return from Holy Land. New York, May 19.—The North German Lloyd steamer Groosher Kurfuerst, which was chartered by the Christian Endeavor Society to convey its delegates to the national Sunday school convention which was recently held in Jerusalem, returned here today from her trip through the Mediterranean. The vessel took out 833 members of the society and brought back 533. The remaining 300 delegates stay in Europe for a more extended trip.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES. Michael La Toski, of Towers, Pa., located his runaway wife and her companion, Stanley Kasko, on the outskirts of the city and, handcuffing them together, brought them to town.

The surgeons at St. Catherine's Hospital in New York have extracted from the palm of 9-year-old Rosalie Laykzi's hand a slate pencil, two and-a-half inches long, which the child swallowed in January.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Western Union discontinued its racing news service many of the pool rooms did business yesterday, but got their returns with difficulty. The New York Telephone Company has decided to remove its instruments from all places designated as pool rooms.

Julia Bowne, of New Brunswick, N. J., who disappeared simultaneously with Rev. J. F. Cordova, pastor of the Conklin Methodist Episcopal Church, Tuesday night, is still missing. Rev. Cordova's wife is practically destitute. The trustees of the church will depose Cordova at their next meeting.

The republican State convention, held at San Francisco last night, was a perfect love feast. It has been known for months past that President Roosevelt would receive the unanimous endorsement of the convention, and last night's meeting, in this respect, was a mere formality.

A dispatch from Wilkesbarre, Pa., says there is trouble brewing in three sections of the anthracite region at present, between the miners and operators and, with the president of the conciliation board absent in California, there may be serious complications before the questions can be arbitrated.

Late last night a report came to Pittsburgh from Morgantown that Senator Quay is in a very precarious condition. The Senator is resting at the home of his brother, Jerome Quay, at Morgantown. Yesterday he was very much depressed and considerable anxiety is felt for his safety.

An explosion of gun cotton wrecked the frame factory of the Pettiford Company in Newark, N. J., this morning, and a colored man who was in the building at the time is missing. It is rumored that the man escaped and was so badly frightened that he made himself scarce.

Every possible clue that might lead to the finding of Mrs. H. Leroy Jones, the society woman who disappeared from the Morris Park, New York, race track, where she was with her husband last Monday, is being followed by the police, but so far their efforts have come to nothing, and the whereabouts of the missing woman is as much a mystery as ever.

FOREIGN NEWS. Herbert Chamberlain, a brother of former Colonial Secretary Joseph Chamberlain, died in London today.

The trade depression which has been noticeable in many Russian provinces for months, past, is daily becoming more acute. At Minsk, so acute has the situation become that wholesale emigration is occurring to America, England and Argentina.

The French steamer Cyrcy arrived at Falmouth, Eng., today, in a damaged condition. She reports having collided with the Spanish steamer Sestav, which sank. The captain and seventeen of the crew of the Sestav were saved. Five sailors were drowned.

News reached Tangier, Morocco, today, that Ion Perdicaris and Cromwell Narley have been kidnapped at their home three miles west of Tangier, by a band of Raiisul mountaineers. Perdicaris is the richest and most influential man in Tangier. He is a naturalized American citizen.

There is said to be great commotion at Russian headquarters over the discovery that the various reserves of ammunition kept at Kherson and other neighboring places, representing 50,000,000 rounds, have either completely disappeared or are so worthless that practically none is available for use.

General Trotha, who has been appointed chief of the German forces in southwest Africa, started for Berlin for his arduous task of overthrowing the rebel Hereros in Africa today. Previous to his departure Trotha was feted throughout the country, banquets, serenades and parades being given in his honor.

Russian exiles who are numerous, especially in Rome, Naples and Florence, have received word from their committees at Odessa and Moscow, telling them to keep ready for important internal events in Russia.

Miss Helen M. Gould is credited with having caused the Western Union Telephone Company to stop serving pool rooms with racing reports.

Quick Arrest. J. A. Gullidge, of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing 24 tumors. After doctors and all remedies failed, Bucklen's Arnica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured him. It cures eczema and kills pain. 25c at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons, drugists.

Williams Hits Roosevelt. Congressman John Sharp Williams was the principal speaker at the Mississippi press banquet at McComb, City, Tuesday night. He began by saying that the prospects of democratic success were brighter than in many years, and for that reason he would depart from custom and discuss national politics.

Mr. Williams briefly reviewed the work of the recent Congress. He said that the republicans had given the democrats so many telling issues that it would be difficult to select from them. Roosevelt, the speaker declared, would prove the heaviest load his party has had to carry in its entire history.

His arbitrary freaks and erratic caprices had alarmed and disgusted the conservative men of his own party, and he would be on the defensive from the inception of the campaign to the finish. There was every popular evidence that "Teddy the Terror" was not wanted and none that he was wanted.

A splendid opportunity, Mr. Williams said, was offered to the democrats if they would nominate a candidate who would command the confidence of the sober conservatism of the country and adopt a sound platform. Judge Alton B. Parker, of New York, was the man to nominate.

"He is a wise, patriotic statesman of the Tilden school, who knows how to stay at home and keep his mouth shut," said Mr. Williams. "The democracy does not need any dictators or verbal cantrips, but calm, conservative thinkers, and Judge Parker fully meets the demands of the hour."

From all sections came evidence, said Mr. Williams, of a restoration of democratic political sanity which foreboded the rout of Roosevelt in the November election.

The Hearst forces have been active here of late, but it is believed that the speech of Congressman Williams will demolish the movement in the State and that Judge Parker will have the support of the "Mississippi delegation to the St. Louis convention."

Would Sweep Away Jails. At yesterday's session in Norfolk of the Virginia Conference of Charities and Corrections, Capt. C. E. Vawter, of Albemarle county, advocated intelligent control of "Virginia penal institutions, insane asylums and hospitals by a State board of charities. He said that by the new constitution these institutions were much improved, but that Virginians do not know just what to do in caring for the unfortunates of the State and that a State board of charities would bring cleanliness, godliness and uplifting love into these institutions.

The inhumanity which has been going on in Virginia jails, he said, is frightful. The speaker said the treatment of the negro insane at Petersburg is now excellent, and great reforms have been instituted there and at the State penitentiary. The latter, he said, is due to the agitation of the religious and secular press of the State.

Rev. Frederick Hines, of New Jersey, took advanced ground to sweep away the county jails. "Let the State have charge of those who break the State laws," he said: "no child should be in jail or almshouse."

He said that he anticipated that the system of the county dealing with offenses against the State will be abolished in time; that it is a system inherited from England and is obsolete. The speaker also held that punishment, especially of children for wrong doing, is not the way to make people better. Moral suasion, he contended, is the only means of uplifting mankind.

Died of Hydrophobia. James M. Anderson, 45 years of age, died near Winchester Tuesday night of hydrophobia, after suffering terrible agony. A year ago he was bitten by a dog said to have been mad and later he showed symptoms of hydrophobia. Again he was attacked by another mad dog and terribly bitten. About May 1 hydrophobia developed and it was necessary to tie and handcuff him in bed. His spasms and sufferings were terrible to witness. He was a well-known farmer and leaves a widow and three children.

Warrenton Hunt Club. At a meeting of the members of the Warrenton Hunt Club the following officers were elected: John D. Hoce, president; John S. Gaines, secretary, and William S. Sowers, treasurer. On the governing committee are James K. Maddox, J. R. Townsend, L. D. Passano, and H. F. Edwards. Ulysses D. Benner was elected master of hounds. The club received \$650 contributed by John R. Townsend, of New York, and a number of interested friends.

[Communicated.] Oil on Streets. I saw in the Gazette that a plan was under consideration to sprinkle oil on certain streets to lay the dust. Such thing should never be done. The remedy is much worse than the disease. Oil, as we all know, is grease, and it will not only destroy the shoes, but such things as floor coverings will be ruined if ever walked over after the shoes have once come in contact with the lubricant. Let's buy a water wagon and stick to it. Our streets don't need greasing, and those of us